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OCCASIONS TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CONTINUING HIGH-LEVEL
INTEREST IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ITS CLOSE GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY IDENTIFICATION WITH RADICAL REGIMES IN THE REGION.
AN IRAQUI STATE DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT
MAAROUF, JANUARY 7-10, AND A PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
YEMEN DELEGATION LED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS MOHAMMED, JANUARY 11-16, KEPT THE

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EAST GERMAN MEDIA SPOTLIGHT ON THE GDR'S INCREASINGLY ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH IRAQ AND YEMEN. NEITHER DELEGATION VISIT RESULTED IN ANY NEWLY SIGNED AGREEMENTS OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE. BOTH JOINT COMMUNIQUES REITERATED AT LENGTH THE GDR'S SOLIDARITY IN THE"STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, ZIONISM AND RACISM." THE IRAQUI VISIT COMMUNIQUE WAS MORE STRIDENTLY ANTI-ISRAEL AND ANTI-ZIONIST, BUT BOTH FOCUSED ON THE GDR'S ADVOCACY OF COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION. HOWEVER, IN KEEPING WITH THE GDR'S RECENT MEDIA TREATMENT OF MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS, NO DIRECT MENTION WAS MADE OF EGYPT, PRESIDENT SADAT, OR THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. THE YEMENI VISIT COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTS "ARAB SOLIDARITY AND UNITY" AND CITES THE TRIPOLI CONFERENCE AS AN IMPORTANT POINT OF DEPARTURE IN THIS REGARD. MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE TWO VISITS WAS PREDICTABLY EXTENSIVE. BOLEN

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